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Tumor Necrosis Factor Signal Transduction*

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT


The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

Thank you for the species election requirement dated Mar 7, 2003.

We elect for initial examination in this application the species identified as "Sequences encoding $\alpha\Delta 14$ of SEQ ID NO:2". As shown in Table 1 (p.3), this species encodes residues 423-671 of SEQ ID NO:2. This sequence is recited in claim 23.

Note that all the recited RIP polynucleotide truncations are of the same generic RIP-encoding polynucleotide or the same specific RIP-encoding cDNA. The encoded RIP truncations are those issued in priority US Pat No.6,211,337. Accordingly, these deletion mutant species are properly examined together.

Respectfully submitted,
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